

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 20th August 2017

Passing of Hugh EI6CPB

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Hugh, EI6CPB formerly of Bray and later of Wexford. He died peacefully Wednesday morning in the Mater Hospital, Dublin after a long illness spanning 20 years.

Hugh was a past member of the South Dublin Radio Club and one of the founders of the Two Counties DX Cluster Group. He was the system operator of the Wicklow DX Cluster EI7WDX. Hugh operated on most frequency bands below 144 MHz and was a keen user of Citizens Band in days gone by. Funeral arrangement details available on www.RIP.ie May he rest in peace.

International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend

Over the past few hours, many clubs and operators have been very busy on the bands working during this years International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend. We hope that everyone who has taken part has enjoyed themselves and that their logs are now filled with plenty of QSO's.

Counties Contest

The IRTS 2 metres Counties Contest, in which EI and GI counties are multipliers, takes place on Sunday next, 27th August from 2pm to 4pm local time. There are separate sections in this contest for portable and fixed stations, low power and high power, as well as an FM Only section for single ops and an SWL section. The portable sections are for field-day type operations, so those entering one of the portable sections should be aware of the requirements for portable section entries in the contest rules.

See www.irts.ie/contests for more details, which include the frequencies for this contest and the 'QSY Rule' that applies to FM QSOs.

Mayo Radio Experimenters Club

The Mayo Radio Experimenters activated the Blacksod Lighthouse this weekend

using the callsign EI44WAW. You can continue to listen out to them for the rest of today. They are operating two radios active on the hf and vhf bands running ssb, cw & the data modes.

The club members plan to be on site until this evening. The Blacksod Lighthouse is well and truly situated on the Wild Atlantic Way. Blacksod Lighthouse number is, IE0008, WAI F61, and the locator square is IO44XC. More information is available on the clubs website ei7mre.org

North Cork Radio Group

An event to add to your calender. The North Cork Radio Group Annual Radio, Electronics & Hobby Rally will be taking place on Sunday 10th September 2017. Venue will be The Commons Inn, Blackpool, Cork. Doors will open 11:00 a.m. Admission €5 and under 16's are free. For additional information please visit www.ei1nc.com or contact Lisa Cummins EI9GSB on 086 842 7756

Theory classes in Athlone

Are you, members of your family or friends potentially interested in becoming amateur radio operators? Becoming licensed can open up a lifetime of enjoyment. If becoming a licensed operator is something that you have been considering in the past, then the following will provide you with an insight into the licensing process. The Shannon Basin Radio Club will be holding theory classes starting 5th September at 20:00 in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel Athlone. For further information about this please see www.shannonbasinradioclub.com or contact any member of the club.

DX News

Costa IZ7GXB will be visiting Macedonia, Albania and Montenegro starting 21st August. Look for him as Z38/IZ7GXB until 25th August and then as ZA/IZ7GXB until 29th August and finally 4O7GXB until 3rd September. He will operate mainly on 6m SSB and also on the HF bands. QSL to his home call and logs will also be uploaded to Logbook of the World.

Prefix hunters may be interested in the special event station ZY158CAT which is active from Brazil until 30th August. The station commemorates 158 years of the city of Catalao in the state of Goias. QSL manager is PP2BO.

IOTA chasers will have the opportunity to work 3 Estonian islands between now and the end of the month. Eugene RX3AMI will be active as ES/RX3AMI from EU-034, EU-149 and EU-178.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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